

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF PAUL OYASKI

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 12, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to bring to your attention the 33-year public service career of Paul Oyaski who is retiring from his post as the Director of Cuyahoga County's Department of Development on January 14, 2011.

Director Oyaski has directed with distinction the Department of Development since 2004, leading a staff of 62 in Ohio's largest county which serves all the people of Ohio's 10th Congressional District and surrounding districts. He has administered federal funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program for 51 Cuyahoga County municipalities with fewer than 50,000 residents. His department has managed a \$75 million budget supplemented by the CDBGs, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, the Department of Energy, and the Environmental Protection Agency. Through Paul's leadership, the people of Cuyahoga County were served ably and the federal dollars we appropriated were used wisely and with the people's needs first and foremost on the agenda. During his tenure as Director, he received numerous awards from the public and private sectors.

Prior to his service at the county level, Paul Oyaski served as the Mayor of Euclid, Ohio from 1996 to 2003. As mayor of a city with a population of 53,000, Mayor Oyaski became familiar with the administrative responsibilities associated with the CDBG program. He led Euclid to receive the Livable Cities Award from the U.S. Conference of Mayors in 2000 for positive race relations. He was also spokesman for the First Suburbs Consortium which represents Euclid and 14 other inner-ring suburbs of Cleveland.

Before his election as Mayor, Paul Oyaski served the City of Euclid with distinction as a member of the City Council, the Director of Community Services and Development, and as Law Director. Paul graduated from the Ohio State University School of Law with honors, earned his Bachelor of Arts Magna Cum Laude from Cleveland State University, and is a proud graduate of Euclid Senior High School where he was a member of the National Honor Society and received his letter for varsity soccer.

Mr. Speaker and honored colleagues, please join me in wishing Paul Oyaski well as he retires from a long and illustrious career in the public sector working with the people of his hometown of Euclid, and Cuyahoga County for these many years.

RECOGNIZING MR. FRANK EDWARD EMORY, SR. ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM ELECTED OFFICE

HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 12, 2011

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to an extraordinary American who has devoted his life to building the community in which he lives—Wilson County, North Carolina. As a passionate, empowering and inspirational leader, Frank Edward Emory, Sr. has worked tirelessly to improve the lives of those around him.

Mr. Emory is a native of Johnston County, North Carolina. He received his college education at A&T College—now A&T State University—in Greensboro, North Carolina. After completing his education, Mr. Emory became a distinguished extension agent and later served as assistant director of Urban Affairs at North Carolina State University.

In 1970, Mr. Emory was elected to the City of Wilson Board of Education (later Wilson County Board of Education) and remained in this capacity until 1984 when he was elected to the Wilson County Board of Commissioners. He was the first African-American to serve on these boards.

Mr. Emory has been a wonderful example of faith in God and community, and faith that we may someday realize a place where equality and opportunity flourish. He has been a special friend and leader who truly understands people and their issues. He is always ready to work with anyone willing to improve the total community.

After 40 years of continuous service, Mr. Emory has decided to retire from elective office. And while his retirement will be a tremendous loss, Mr. Emory leaves a great legacy that will continue to enrich and strengthen the community for many years to come.

Mr. Emory's remarkable tenure included the development and construction of numerous county facilities as well as the expansion and development of critical emergency services including emergency disaster response, centralized communications, rescue services, and full countywide paramedic services.

Mr. Emory was a key leader in expanding recreation opportunities, improving services for seniors, enhancing cable television services, improving health care facilities and the county's road system.

Mr. Emory has also been a strong and consistent supporter of economic development throughout the region, and a tireless advocate for improving education. He strongly supported funding for the Wilson County Public Schools and Wilson Community College. He also supported state and local bond issues for school and community college construction, which included the renovation of multiple schools and the construction of the Darden Middle School and the John W. Jones Elementary School.

Mr. Speaker, in addition to his countless gifts to our community, he has given me true friendship, by which I have been enormously honored. He has been married to Athalene Dancy Emory for more than 50 years. They are the proud parents of two sons, Frank, Jr. and Randolph, who have blessed them with four grandsons.

I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing the commitment, dedication and success of Frank Edward Emory, Sr. on the occasion of his retirement from elective office.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 12, 2011

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, today our national debt is \$14,019,559,567,587.86.

On January 6, 2009, the start of the 111th Congress, the national debt was \$10,638,425,746,293.80.

This means the national debt has increased by \$3,381,133,821,294.06 since then.

This debt and its interest payments we are passing to our children and all future Americans.

THE STEM EDUCATION TEACHER TAX INCENTIVE ACT OF 2011

HON. MAZIE K. HIRONO

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 12, 2011

Ms. HIRONO. Mr. Speaker, the latest results of international tests just came in. On the Program for International Student Assessment, PISA, 15-year-olds in the United States rank 25th in math—below average—among their peers in the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, OECD, nations. Our 15-year-olds rank 17th place—only average—in science. To compete for the jobs of the future, the United States can and must do better.

Today I introduce the Science, Technology, Education, and Mathematics, STEM, Teacher Tax Incentive Act of 2011, one small step to help restore our strength in STEM education and our nation's economic competitiveness.

Research has shown that teacher quality is the most important factor affecting student achievement. We need more highly effective teachers to help excite and inspire our students about Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. This bill will provide a tax credit to encourage those who major in STEM fields to join and stay in the teaching profession. The tax credit can be used to help repay undergraduate tuition, and is 50 percent greater for qualified STEM teachers who teach in high-needs schools.

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